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SUBJECT: FRG VIEWS ON US-USSR OIL ARRANGEMENT

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1. OCT 21 EMBOFF BRIEFED ECONMINISTRY ADVISOR TO
ROHWEDDER (FRG'S DELEGATE TO IEA GOVERNING BOARD) AND
FORMINISTRY ENERGY OFFICIAL ON US-USSR OIL ARRANGEMENT
ALONG LINES PARA 5 REF, LEAVING COPIES OF RELEVANT
DOCUMENTS CARRIED IN WIRELESS FILE. EMBOFF ALSO MET
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BRIEFLY WITH ENGELMANN, ECONMINISTRY ASSISTANT

SECRETARY FOR ENERGY WHO HAD EARLIER EXPRESSED CONCERN TO US OVER RUMORED US-USSR OIL-FOR-GRAIN DEAL (REF BONN 13845, PARA 5).

2. INITIAL REACTION WAS RELIEF THAT AGREEMENTS ON GRAINS AND OIL ARE SEPARATE AND DO NOT CONSTITUTE US-USSR BARTER DEAL. FRG OFFICIALS APPRECIATED ASSURANCE THAT OIL ARRANGEMENT WOULD NOT, IF CONCLUDED, DIMINISH USG COMMITMENT TO IEA PROGRAM. THEY SHOWED KEEN DESIRE TO LEARN PRICE RANGE IN WHICH USG HOPES TO ACQUIRE SOVIET OIL AND ADDED THAT, AFTER STUDYING TEXTS, THEY MAY HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS.

3. COMMENT: PROMPT DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE WAS MOST HELPFUL IN PUTTING US-USSR GRAIN AND OIL ARRANGEMENTS IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE. FRG OFFICIALS HAVE LATENT CONCERN THAT USG MIGHT, IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO SECURE ITS OWN ENERGY SUPPLY, REDUCE ITS COMMITMENT TO IEA AND THEREBY NEGLECT INTERESTS OF ITS MORE VULNERABLE PARTNERS (READ: FRG). NUMBER OF OFFICIALS PRIVATELY REGARDED EARLIER PRESS REPORTS OF US QUEST FOR BARTER DEAL WITH USSR IN THIS LIGHT. WE HAVE NOTED SIMILAR CONCERNS OVER PROJECT INDEPENDENCE AND ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AUTHORITY -- E.G., MAJOR EDITORIAL BLAST IN INFLUENTIAL FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE WHICH ATTACKED AUTHORITY AS EVIDENCE OF AUTARKIC TENDENCIES IN US. END COMMENT. HILLENBRAND

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